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WEDI LAUNCHES NEW ICD-10 STATE COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE TO INCREASE EFFICIENCIES AND REDUCE COMPLIANCE TIME AND COSTS

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA – May 17, 2013 – WEDI, the leading authority on the use of Health IT to improve the exchange of healthcare information, announced today at the WEDI 22nd Annual National Conference, the creation of a the WEDI ICD-10 State Collaborative Initiative. The new initiative will bring together state collaborative organizations and their members in order to increase efficiencies and reduce the significant time and costs associated with ICD-10 compliance.

The goal of the new initiative is to help facilitate inter-state communication around ICD-10 implementation and to help bring stakeholders together to work successfully implement ICD-10. Through this initiative, states will have an opportunity to share best practices, collaborate in end-to-end testing, and work together to reduce the risk and effort required to implement the ICD-10 standard.

“This is an exciting opportunity for WEDI to help state organizations discover additional methods to save time and money throughout the transition to ICD-10,” said Laura Darst, Revenue Cycle Regulatory Advisor, Mayo Clinic and WEDI Board Member. “The new initiative provides tremendous value to state collaborative organizations nationwide.”

A new sub-workgroup under ICD-10 will be formed on June 1, 2013 and the first ICD-10 state collaborative meeting will convene on July 22, 2013 at the [WEDI ICD-10/HPID Implementation Excellence Forum](#). The initiative’s initial partners are: California ICD -10 Collaborative, Massachusetts Health Data Consortium, Minnesota ICD-10 Collaborative, NCHICA and Wisconsin ICD-10 Collaborative.

“WEDI’s Collaborative Initiative will deliver greater efficiencies and best practice development for multi-stakeholders,” said Catherine Mesnik, Finance Director, St. Joseph Health System and WEDI Board Member. “Partnering with other state collaboratives will strengthen communication amongst payers, providers and vendors, and align ICD-10 implementation efforts.”

About WEDI

The Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange (WEDI) is the leading authority on the use of Health IT to improve healthcare information exchange in order to enhance the quality of care, improve efficiency, and reduce costs of our nation’s healthcare system. WEDI was formed in 1991 by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) and was designated in the 1996 HIPAA legislation as an advisor to HHS. WEDI’s membership includes a broad coalition of organizations, including: hospitals, providers, health plans, vendors, government agencies, consumers, not-for-profit organizations, and standards bodies.